

Your Pet & Your City

The Law and Your Pets

Violators are subject to citation and fine.

LICENSE. Every dog over the age of 6 months must be licensed. Rabies shots are not required. Licenses are obtained through the Office of Tax Collector, City Hall and expire on June 30. Annual fee is \$5.00. Upon presentation of a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating your dog has been spayed or neutered, fee is reduced to \$2.50. Application by mail should include a copy of the certificate. Certificates are not required for subsequent applications. Licenses are not transferrable from pet to pet or owner to owner. If your tag is lost or stolen, a duplicate may be obtained for \$1.00 upon presentation of original certificate of ownership.

Cats are not required to be licensed. As a service only your Animal Control Officer (SPCA) will *register* your cat for \$3.00 for 5 years. This fee includes identification tag and expandable safety collar. *Health Code 215, 216, 218.*

LEASH. All dogs must be on a leash not longer than eight (8) feet when off the owner's property or not in enclosed area. Designated "animal exercise areas" are exempted. Unleashed dogs may be impounded. Dogs are prohibited at the S.F. Zoo and children's playgrounds. Dogs and cats are prohibited in establishments selling food. *Health Code 41, 41.12(a), 41.5, 440.3(b); Park Code 46.*

NUISANCE. No owner shall permit his dog or cat to soil private or public property, excepting gutters, without immediately removing such feces from said property. *Health Code Sec. 40.*

LIMIT. Limit to the number of dogs over the age of 6 months is 3 per domicile. More than 3 dogs requires a Kennel Permit and License. Subject to Health Dept. requirements, the limit of 4 *small* animals per domicile includes cats. *Health Code Sec. 37, 220, 221.*

BREEDING. Owners must not allow their dogs and cats to breed in public areas. *Health Code 41.12(b).*

ACCIDENT. Anyone striking a dog or cat with a vehicle must stop and report the accident to the owner or to the Police Department. *Vehicle Code 2002.*

DUTIES OF OWNERS. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide his animal with adequate food, water, shelter, care, exercise and attention. *Health Code Sec. 41.12(c).*

BARKING. Owners must not allow dogs to bark or make any noise, day or night, to the disturbance of any person. *Health Code 41(i), 41.12(d).*

BITING. All dog bites must be reported to the Department of Public Health. At the determination of the Department of Health, District Attorney or Courts, a biting dog may be quarantined, impounded or destroyed. *Health Code 41.11(c), 41.5.1.*

QUARANTINE. No owner shall violate any quarantine directive. *Health Code Sec. 41.11(b).*

ABANDONMENT. No person may willfully abandon any domestic dog or cat. *Penal Code 597(s).*

DOG FIGHTS. No person, for amusement or gain, shall cause any animal to attack any other animal or person. No person shall be present at any place where such fights between animals, or animals and people, are deliberately caused. *Penal Code 597b, 597c.*

POISONING. No person shall administer or expose to another's animal any poison, without consent of owner. *Penal Code 596.*

CRUELTY. No person shall maliciously kill, maim or wound any animal. *Penal Code 597.*

A Guide to City Laws
and
Animal Services

by
The San Francisco Animal Control
and Welfare Commission

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Agencies you should know

THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION is an 11 member body appointed by the board of Supervisors to act as an advisory commission on matters of animal control and welfare. Public meetings are held the first working Thursday of each month at 2:15 P.M., 101 Grove Street. Any questions or suggestions may be presented at these meetings, mailed to the Animal Commission, Room 207, 101 Grove Street, San Francisco 94102, or submitted by phone, 553-5775, Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 P.M.

THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER at the present is the San Francisco S.P.C.A., 2500 16th Street, San Francisco 94103, 621-1700. The S.P.C.A. has contracted with the City of San Francisco to fulfill the functions of licensing, picking up stray dogs, receiving unwanted animals, offering animal adoptions, operating the animal shelter and enforcing the Animal Control and Welfare Ordinance.

THE ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT is a special 2 officer Police Department detail assigned to handle animal problems and act as liaison with other City Agencies in the enforcement of local and State ordinances on animal control. For assistance, contact Officers Mark E. Hurley or Michael F. Sugrue, Room 135, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco 94103; Telephone 553-1207.

PETS & PALS: Telephone number 665-5121 — Spaying, Neutering and Foster Home service.

ANIMAL SWITCHBOARD: P.O. Box 2078, San Francisco 94116; Telephone number 885-2679 — Animal Problems, Information, Referral, Lost and Found Listing.

FUND FOR ANIMALS: P.O. Box 2354, San Francisco 94126; Telephone number 986-0777 — Animal Education and Welfare Legislation.

ANIMAL WELFARE ASSN.: P.O. Box 178, Daly City, CA 94016; Telephone number 771-1649 — Low cost spay for San Francisco and Bay Area.

PROTECT-A-PET: 586-2324 — Lost and Found Service for Bay Area; Spay Clinic referral; \$2.00 fee; tag and listing.

PETS UNLIMITED: 2343 Filmore Street, San Francisco 94115; Telephone number 563-6700 — Adoptions.



CONTROL WELFARE: Urban living dictates that animals in public places are in need of constant supervision if they are to live in harmony with their environment. A dog on-leash is assured of its master's protection from vicious animals, traffic accidents and perhaps irate humans; off-leash, his welfare is at stake. Cats should also be kept under control for their won safety and to avoid annoyance to neighbors. Responsible owners see that their animals are protected from the dangers to which they would be exposed if left to their own devices.



Services PROVIDED THROUGH LICENSE FEES AND CITY AGENCIES

LICENSED DOG FOUND. If you find a licensed dog call the S.P.C.A., 621-1700 or the Office of Tax Collector, 558-3761. The name and address or phone number of the owner will be given. Or you may call the S.P.C.A. for pick-up; or take the dog to the S.P.C.A. Every effort will be made by the Animal Control Officer to contact the owner by phone or mail.

REGISTERED CAT FOUND. If you find a registered cat call the S.P.C.A. who extends the same service for registered cats as for licensed dogs.

INJURED ANIMAL FOUND. If you find an injured animal call the S.P.C.A. The animal will be picked up. Or you may bring it to the S.P.C.A. at 2500 - 16th Street. The animal will be given emergency care, held for owner for not less than 96 hours and every effort will be made to contact the owner who will be billed for any emergency veterinary services administered while under the care of the shelter.

YOUR LOST PET. If your pet is lost, go to the S.P.C.A. and see if it has been turned in.

STRAY DOG. If there is a dog running loose and you can safely confine it in your basement, yard or garage, call the S.P.C.A. for pick-up. If you cannot confine the dog call the S.P.C.A. and they will attempt to pick it up.

Many calls are received by this agency and frequently by the time the van arrives the dog has disappeared. Or you may surrender the animal to the S.P.C.A.

STRAY CAT. In the event you are unable to hold a stray cat for pick-up by, or delivery to the S.P.C.A., call 621-1700 for a live-trap. Lured by suitable bait the animal is harmlessly secured. Call the S.P.C.A. for pick-up of trap and animal. Charge for a 5-day period is \$3.75. Breakage or loss of trap can require an additional \$25.00.

NEGLECTED ANIMAL. Owners neglecting to provide adequate care for their animals should be reported to the S.F.S.P.C.A. or S.F. Police Department.

UNWANTED PET. Animals must not be abandoned. You may bring unwanted animals to the S.P.C.A., 2500 - 16th Street, or call 621-1700 for free pick-up.

DEAD ANIMAL. The City has contracted with a service to pick up dead animals. If you find a dead animal, call 731-9300, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or the San Francisco Police Department, 553-0123, and report its location.

BARKING DOG. To register a complaint about a barking dog, call your Police Department District Station or the Animal Control Unit (553-1207).

BITING DOG. If a dog has bitten another dog or human, call the Department of Public Health, 558-4046, and report the address of the biting dog's owner and where the bite occurred.

EMERGENCY CARE. If you have no private veterinarian and require night emergency care, call 621-1700 and an answering service will direct you to an on duty doctor. One telephone number will be given for owned pets; another for strays.

PET ALERT CARD. Your Animal Control Officer offers free of charge a wallet sized "Pet Alert" card which allows an owner to list his pets and the name and address of the person or agency where the animals should be taken if the owner, in an emergency situation, is unable to care for them. Send a stamped, self addressed envelope to the S.F.S.P.C.A., 2500 - 16th Street, San Francisco 94103.

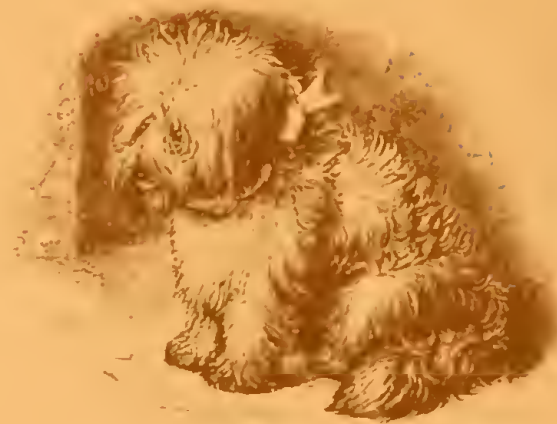


Important Numbers

Dog Exercise Areas

Dogs may run off leash but not to commit litter (*Section 40*).

1. *Golden Gate Park*: Section bounded by Lincoln Way, South Drive, 5th and 7th Avenues.
2. *Golden Gate Park*: Northeast section, Stanyan and Grove Streets.
3. *Golden Gate Park*: Section bounded by South Drive, Kennedy Drive, 34th and 38th Avenues.
4. *Golden Gate Park*: Dog training area — 38th and Fulton.
5. *Buena Vista Park West*.
6. *Mountain Lake Park*: Lake Street between 8th and 12th Avenues.
7. *North side of Stern Grove*: Wawona Street, between 21st and 23rd Avenues.
8. *Lake Merced*: North section at Lake Merced Blvd. and Middlefield.
9. *Bernal Heights*: Entire top area bounded by Bernal Heights Blvd.
10. *McLaren Park*: Top section bounded by Shelley Drive.
11. *McLaren Park*: South section, via 1600 block of Geneva or 1600 block of Sunnydale.
12. *Sand lot* at 39th Avenue and Quintara Street.
13. *22nd Street*, between Arkansas and Connecticut Streets.
14. *Dolores Park*: 18th Street between Church and Dolores Streets.



Love Your Dog

Many a dog has been known to perform great services for its owner — alerting him of a prowler, an injured family member or of a fire. We are a city of over half a million people — and more families are keeping dogs because they enhance family life and are good company! But pet ownership requires responsibility. Be a thoughtful dog owner. Obey city laws and see that others do, too. Let's make our pets a city resource — not a city nuisance.

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Additions to dog exercise areas is an on-going process. For further information call Animal Control and Welfare Commission (558-5775).

